

Dear Members of the F.C.Commission,
Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers that media consolidation has cause to the US.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the corporate interests and less of what we need for our democracy. At a minimum we could expect Sinclair to air the issue in an objective, equanimous fascion.

I lived under Nazi rule before WWII and still recall the role of German and Italian Media in shamelessly presenting the Nazi view of issues as the only acceptable one. Millions of European fell for it.

Is Sinclair's action the beginning of American Fascist regime?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.